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MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 21, 1998
Meeting Time: 10:30 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St.,
Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 4

Members Present: Rep. John Gregg, Chairman; Rep. Paul Mannweiler; Rep. Mark Kruzan; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. Charlie Brown; Rep. Jeffrey Linder; Rep. Richard Mangus; Sen. Robert Garton, Vice-Chairman; Sen. Richard Young; Sen. Joseph Harrison; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. Thomas Wyss; Sen. James Lewis; Sen. Earline Rogers.

Members Absent: Rep. William Cochran; Sen. Harold Wheeler

The Chairman, Representative Gregg, called the meeting to order, requested a roll call, declared a quorum present to transact business, and opened the meeting. The Chairman, at the request of Senator Garton, excused Senator Wheeler from attendance.

APPROVAL OF LSA AND LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BUDGET REQUESTS

Mr. Sachtleben, Acting Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), reviewed the 16 appropriation accounts that are administered by the LSA. He noted that these appropriations fund: (1) various legislative operations (the LSA, legislator and lay member travel, and the Legislative Council); the printing of legislative documents (Indiana Code, Indiana Register, Indiana Administrative Code, printed bills during session, and the Acts of Indiana); (3) memberships in

national organizations; and (4) matters associated with the 2000 Census. After a brief discussion, LCR 98-13 was moved by Representative Brown, seconded by Senator Harrison, and adopted by unanimous consent.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE CONCERNING ISTEP+ STUDY

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Sachtleben explained the statute under which the LSA receives assignments from the Subcommittee to be studied and reported on by July 1 of every year. The Chairman then recognized Representative Brown to report on the activities and recommendations of the Subcommittee concerning the study of the impact of the ISTEP+ exam on learning disabled students. On motion of Representative Grubb (seconded by Senator Young), LCR 98-14 was unanimously adopted by consent.

Representative Brown stated that the Subcommittee had also heard testimony concerning the need for legislation which would make changes to the motor carrier regulation fund. Although the Subcommittee favors legislation on this topic, Representative Brown noted that it was not the proper subject of a Legislative Council resolution.

REPORT OF THE AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE MAILINGS

The Chairman recognized Representative Brown, chairman of the Subcommittee, to explain proposed LCR 98-15 concerning the establishment of a program by the Indiana Department of Administration (DOA) that would permit legislators to notify state agencies as to each legislator's preferences with respect to the receipt of mailings that an agency generally sends out to all 150 members.

Representative Brown discussed Senator Roger's proposal to recommend the utilization of postcards by the DOA asking legislators whether they preferred to continue receiving specific publications of the agency.

In response to a request from Senator Wyss, LCR 98-15 was amended (by consent) to include on the postcards a mechanism under which each legislator could designate the location (e.g. residence or State House office or via e-mail) to which the agency should mail its publications.

Senator Harrison discussed the need for the postcards to be sent out periodically to permit legislators to indicate a change in their preferences and to accommodate new legislators entering the General Assembly.

Senator Young suggested that the resolution be amended to permit e-mail notification of documents that are available on Access Indiana. In response to Senator Young's question, Mr. Sachtleben noted that Access Indiana had testified before the Subcommittee and that the Subcommittee had discussed the use of e-mail. However, the Subcommittee had concluded that until a strong majority of legislators used e-mail on a consistent basis it could not be the sole

mechanism for the DOA to use in helping to reduce legislative mailings under proposed LCR 98-14. On motion of Senator Garton (seconded by Senator Harrison) the resolution was amended by consent to include reference to the use of e-mail and Access Indiana for those legislators who preferred this mechanism.

After further discussion, Senator Garton moved and Senator Wyss seconded the adoption of LCR 98-14, as amended. The motion was adopted unanimously by consent.

REPORT OF THE DATA PROCESSING SUBCOMMITTEE CONCERNING IN-HOUSE COMPOSITION OF BILLS

The Chairman called upon Representative Kruzan to report on the two meetings and the recommendation of the Subcommittee (Proposed LCR 98-11A). Representative Kruzan stated that the Subcommittee had agreed that a transition from the private printer to the LSA was necessary. Under LCR 98-11A, Graphics, Ltd. would continue to print all legislative bills except for the "reprints" (which would be composed by the LSA and mass duplicated under a private contract). In addition, Graphics would agree to stand ready to print the reprinted bills if the LSA was unable to do so.

Representative Gregg thanked the members of the Subcommittee, the Principal Secretary of the Senate and the Principal Clerk of the House, Graphics, Ltd, and others for their efforts to come up with a compromise to this printing question.

On motion of Representative Linder and a second by Representative Brown, LCR 98-11A was unanimously adopted by consent.

OTHER BUSINESS

Senator Wyss congratulated the Chairman for reaching the highest level of the Masonic Order.

NEXT MEETING

The Chairman announced that he did not anticipate the need for a Legislative Council meeting prior to the November elections. After discussion by Senator Harrison, the Chairman noted that a meeting will be held after the election for the purpose of receiving final reports and recommendations of interim study committees.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.